

THOMAS ALFRED AND HARRIET GOUGH TAYLOR

Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950

Thomas Alfred Taylor was born November 1, 1868, in Lehi, a son of Samuel Rogers and Martha Ann Fox Taylor. He took part in pioneer activities, bringing wood from the canyons, building roads, and working with his father on the farm. He attended the Lehi public schools. He also helped his father in the blacksmith shop, becoming a proficient blacksmith himself.

He was a member of Lehi's first baseball team and a charter member of the first Sliver Band in Lehi.

Harriet Gough was born at Lehi, March 26, 1872, a daughter of James and Charlotte Crockett Gough. She spent her youth in Lehi. Her youthful activities were like those of other pioneer children, assisting with family chores, clearing sagebrush from farming land, making glue, gleaning the wheat fields, and attending the public schools.

Harriet Gough and Thomas Taylor were married November 1, 1891, and made their home in Lehi. He worked for the Mill and Stock Company feeding cattle, worked in the erection of the Lehi Sugar Factory, and helped with the first sugar made at the Lehi plant. He worked as ranch foreman for the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company until 1899, then moved with his family to Heber, Utah.

In 1903 he accepted the position as ranch foreman for the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company at Idaho Falls, Idaho. In 1906 he moved to Blackfoot, Idaho, as assistant agricultural superintendent.

Returning to Lehi in 1909, he purchased a farm and acted as assistant Utah County road supervisor. During this time he had charge of grading the state

highway from the Salt Lake County line through Lehi to American Fork, doing the work with teams and scrapers.

In 1916 he accepted the position of assistant agricultural superintendent for the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company at Sunnyside, Washington, later being advanced to superintendent.

While in Sunnyside, the Taylor home was thrown open to Latterday Saint missionaries who made their headquarters there when they were in that area.

The family moved back to Lehi in February 1923, and purchased a home and farm in Lehi. Mr. Taylor farmed until failing health forced his retirement.

He was active in L.D.S. activities and had served in the ward bishopric, as President of the Y.M M.I.A., as teacher in Sunday School, and as a member of the Old Folks Committee. He worked on the scout troop committee for a number of years and was a committee member for the first Lehi Rodeo. He was a High Priest at the time of his death on June 1, 1939.

Harriet Taylor took active part in L.D.S. activities. She was a member of the Blackfoot Stake Relief Society Board, was supervisor of the Third Ward Religion Class, was President of the Y.W M.I.A., was a teacher in Relief Society and was a member of the Old Folks Committee. She died April 19, 1950, at Salt Lake City, Utah.

They were the parents of two daughters, Nydia Fern Price and Zetella Wardle.